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1. It was learned in the Projektions-Konstruktions- und Montagebuero (Design, Construction, and Assembly Office) (PKM), East Berlin, that the process for the production of lignite coke at Lauchhammer was some time ago brought to a level which apparently is to be maintained. The original goal, i.e. to produce a coke nearly equal to pit-coal coke (Steinkohlenkoks or Huettenkoks), was not reached. However, production of a lignite coke suitable for combining with pit-coal coke in blast furnaces and cupola furnaces was successful. This has the advantage of reducing the amount of pit-coal coke required. Nevertheless, East Germany is at present not able to supply its own needs for pit-coal coke, since the capacity of its coking plants is too small.

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It is, moreover, in a position to forfeit the by-products yielded from the coking because more by-products are obtained from the lignite coking than are required in East Germany.

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2. The PKM is designing at present efficient high-capacity coking plants with a value of 5,000,000 DME, which are destined for the Zwickau area. Even with favorable work progress, these plants could scarcely be put into operation before the end of 1955.

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